

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL FAQS SECTION OF ARPA-E'S WEBSITE ([HTTP://ARPA-E.ENERGY.GOV/?Q=FAQ/GENERAL-QUESTIONS](http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/general-questions)) FOR ANSWERS TO MANY GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ARPA-E AND ARPA-E'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS FOA ONLY ARE INCLUDED BELOW. PLEASE REVIEW ALL EXISTING GENERAL FAQS AND FOA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING NEW QUESTIONS TO ARPA-E.

I. General Questions from the ARPA-E Website.

Q. If I have questions about this funding announcement, who do I contact?

ANSWER: If a question is not answered in General Q&A section of ARPA-E's website (<http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/general-questions>), applicants may submit questions regarding an ARPA-E FOA to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov (link sends e-mail). Due to the volume of questions received, ARPA-E will only answer questions that have not yet been answered and posted at the above link. All emails must include the FOA name and number in the subject line. The cover page of each FOA states the deadline to submit questions to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov. ARPA-E will not accept or respond to communications received by other means (e.g., fax, telephone, mail, hand delivery). Emails sent to other email addresses will be disregarded.

Q. I have developed a technology that may be a good for this ARPA-E FOA. Will ARPA-E review my idea and let me know if it is responsive to the FOA?

ANSWER: No. ARPA-E will review compliant and responsive concept paper submissions and provide feedback either encouraging or discouraging submission of a Full Application. See the "Application Process Overview" section of the FOA for the Concept Paper review process. Compliance criteria may be found in the "Compliant Criteria" section of the FOA. Similarly, responsiveness criteria may be found in the "Responsiveness Criteria" and "Submissions Specifically Not of Interest" sections of the FOA.

Q. Our project team includes several team members. Does each team member need to contribute cost share equally?

ANSWER: Although the cost share requirement applies to the Project Team as a whole, the funding agreement makes the Prime Recipient legally responsible for paying the entire cost share. Each Project Team is free to determine how much each team member will contribute towards the cost share requirement. The amount contributed by individual Project Team members may vary, so long as the cost share requirement for the project as a whole is met.

II. Concept Paper Phase Questions:

Q1. How difficult is it to get permits for open water test sites for farm systems in Federal Waters?

ANSWER: It will be the responsibility of MARINER FOA Category 1 and Category 2 awardees to judiciously seek out and obtain any required permits or authorizations on their own accord for the use of state or federal waters for deployment of infrastructure for cultivation of macroalgae for research purposes. ARPA-E does not require these permits to be in place at the time of submission of the application.